Toilets on the pavement violating the DUAC Act

2596. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the toilets constructed on pavement in Delhi are violating Delhi Urban Art Commission Act;

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposal to equip the Commission with more powers keeping in view the cosmopolitan nature of Delhi and its future needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Lack of toilet and sanitation facilities

2597. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a majority of population in the country does not have access to toilet facilities in their dwellings and lacks sanitation facilities for disposal of waste water;

(b) if so, what is the magnitude of this problem; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to tackle this problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Based on the information furnished by different State implementing agencies *viz.* Public Health Engineering Departments, Water Supply and Sewerage Boards (as on 31.3.2000), about 60% of the urban population is reported to have access to sewerage and low cost sanitation facilities (about 30% sewerage and about 30% low cost sanitation). A statement indicating Statewise percentage of population having sanitation facilities is enclosed (*See* below).